

Education City Library Directors Council (ECLDC)  
Meeting Minutes  
September 13, 2009

**Present:** Joan de Beer (CL), Bijan Esfahani (CMUQ), Frieda Wiebe (GUQ), Gill Westera (NUQ), Beverley Stubbs (QA), Tracy Havlin (Sidra), Carole Thompson (TAMUQ), Dana Beth (VCUQatar), Ross Bowron (WCMCQ)

**Regrets:** S.C. Kumaresan (ABP), Ed Warro (CL), Mohammad Hammam (Heritage Library), Aisha Al-Kelaifi (QFIS), Judy Higgins (TLCS), Ellen Sayed (WCMCQ)

Agenda items

1. Update on new hires
  - GUQ Stefan Seeger (Arabic Collections & Instructional Services) – begin October 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Central Library Carolyn Young (Head, World Digital Library) Allan Groen (Associate Director, Public Services), Amrita (Alice) McKinney (Head of Acquisitions Department)
  - VCUQatar –Michael Wirtz (Design Research Librarian)
  - TAMUQ – open recruitment
  - NUQ - Michell Hackwelder (Catalogng and Collection Development), current recruitment for technician
  - CMUQ Shaima ? Evening supervisor, open recruitment for librarian and support staff
2. Updates for the Library Quick Facts document
  - Some updates not yet received. CT will contact librarians ; CT and FW will reformat document to increase readability needed for final and ongoing version(s)
  - Suggestion to add start days, breaks, holidays
3. Discuss the formation of SIGs and a venue/software for info dissemination
  - Suggested SIGs:
    - Professional development → Last year's group will continue last year's events program from last spring includes database searching (Bijan, Ellen, Yassin, Amani)
    - K-12 librarians in Qatar -> Beverley Stubbs is interested in looking into how to organize this
    - Outreach & social events (CL would like to host a meeting once they move into their villa > spring 2010)
    - Research & scholarship (and E-B Librarianship)
    - Collection development
    - Access Services (including EC ILL, lending policies, etc.)
    - Technology & trends
    - Teaching & literacy
    - Startup Forum (to discuss startup issues for new QF units or libraries, local or regional -> November meeting theme)
    - Support staff & technicians group
4. How to collect names and email addresses for librarians in Qatar who would like to participate in SIGs or other activities
  - wills start with trying to reach out to the professional librarians; will start sending emails to be distributed to collect contact information
  - CT will look into creating a web-based sql database – everyone submits their own info.

- Communication interfaces <http://educationcitylibraries.blogspot.com/> now allows comments but is not quite what is needed. Other possibilities: Wordpress feedblitz drupal (ILN) CT will investigate
5. Timing for a “Conference Replay” event where presenters can re-present (Part of the PD SIG events) Recreation Center would be a good venue, or CMUQ rooms are good. PD event (suggested date Dec 10<sup>th</sup>) for database presentations and conference ‘replay’ PD group will re-convene and work out details.
  6. ILN workshop in Qatar November 12, 2009 in QF Rec Center Topic Information seeking in a second language. 10Am – 3:30pm Audience: Library staff or others. Aimed at academic but open to all. Pre-registration will be announced soon after Eid. Sponsorship of event. Catering by NUQ, need around 5000 QR for other costs speaker travel & visa. Discussion regarding the mechanics of payments and cost recovery will be between Gill Westera and various volunteer libraries.
  7. Signups for hosting the following meetings dates: Nov 15, Feb 21, Apr 18
    - November 15 (SIDRA) Theme: Startup kinds of issues Branch vs. QF center vs. emerging requests from regional American Universities
    - February 21 (NUQ) Theme: TBD
    - April 18 (CMUQ) Theme: TBD

Other Possible themes

Managing freedom of information aka managing censorship.

Recorded by Carole Thompson, ECLDC Chair